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OR A DRIVEN MACHINE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

SIR

In response to the Final Office Action of December 29, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.